



# MINUTES

## LEGISLATIVE WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 | 5:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

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**Members Present:**

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Chair  
Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair  
Sen. Don L. Ipson  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Susan Duckworth  
Rep. Phil Lyman  
Rep. Casey Snider  
Mr. Steven Clyde  
Mr. Tage Flint  
Mr. Jay Mark Humphrey  
Mr. Michael D. Larson  
Mr. Warren Peterson

Mr. Gene Shawcroft  
Mr. David Ure

**Members Absent:**

President J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Keith Grover  
Rep. V. Lowry Snow  
Mr. Melvin R. Brown  
Mr. Sterling Brown  
Ms. Voneene Jorgensen  
Mr. Ron Thompson

**Staff Present:**

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst  
Alan Houston, Associate General Counsel  
Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel  
Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Hinkins called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Nathan Brady discussed the issue of polling non-voting commission members.

### 1 . Committee Business

### 2 . Water Quality Testing of Utah's Streams, Rivers, and Lakes

Erica Gaddis, Director, Division of Water Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, gave a presentation about water quality ambient monitoring.

[2a - Letter from Chairs on Health-DEQ lab study](#)

[2b - SSAS Lab Questions](#)

Erica Gaddis responded to questions from commission members.

### 3 . Water Quality and Algal Blooms in Utah Bodies of Water

Erica Gaddis gave a presentation about water quality testing and monitoring of algal blooms.

[3a - Harmful Algal Bloom Program Update 2020](#)

[3b - Harmful Algal Bloom Funding.](#)

Richard Allred, CEO, ATS Smart Solutions, discussed his perspective on this issue.

**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht moved to approve the minutes of June 22, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. V. Snow

#### **4 . Release of Water from Flaming Gorge**

Rep. Chew gave a presentation about the release of water from Flaming Gorge.

##### [4 - HCR 23 from 2020 General Session](#)

Jack Lytle, Daggett County Commissioner, spoke about the importance of looking at the impacts of the river flow on native fish and local water users.

T. Wright Dickinson showed some pictures of the river overflow onto his farm property and explained the impact that high flows on the river have on local land owners and water users.

Curtis Rozman, owner of the Ruby Ranch, and a member of the Green River Conservation District, expressed concern for the tremendous economic hardships that have been created by maximum water flow releases that cause flooding to the farms and ranches along the river.

Curtis Rozman responded to questions from commission members.

Jack Lytle discussed the Flaming Gorge Operations Record of Decision.

**MOTION:** Rep. Chew moved to create a commission bill file for the upcoming legislative session to address the balanced release of water from Flaming Gorge. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-8

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. V. Snow

#### **5 . Opening Commission Bill Files**

Rep. Stratton discussed the opening of commission bill files.

Nathan Brady clarified the commission process to open bill files.

**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht moved to authorize the co-chairs to open bill files as they determine necessary including opening bill files for: aquatic invasive species, release of water from Flaming Gorge,



public entity water users, extraterritorial jurisdiction of municipalities in water sheds, Lake Powell Pipeline project, and Colorado River basin water needs, supply, and development options. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5.

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Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. C. Snider  
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**MOTION:** Rep. Stratton moved to adjourn.

Chair Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.